GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN PURCHASE OF SHOW CASE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Paanch hazar ka show case 75 hazar mein khareeda` appearing in Dainik Jagran dated May 01, 2002;

(b) if so, the details and the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the name of agency from which the purchase was made and procedure adopted for this purchase; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that such kind of purchase to be made only through open invitations of tenders in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. These showcases were designed and fabricated by the manufacturer keeping in view the specific requirement of display for Coins Gallery. These showcases are made of first class teakwood with matching grain of all the 31 cases and includes display panels inside as well as hand woven silk, provision for lighting, special locks and security alarm.

(c) & (d) : The matter has already been investigated.

(e) : M/s. Astrolinks, New Delhi was entrusted based on tenders of five specialisedfirms who had tendered for showcases on limited tender basis.

(f) : The National Museum has been directed to form a panel of approved contractors based on their financial capabilities and work experience, on the basis of open invitation.